News release

Spring postponed - briefly

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It may be Spring, but the weather forecast is dancing to a different tune as snow, ice and blizzard conditions are predicted to hit some parts of the country through the next few days.

The royal wedding, Grand National and election fever will be on many people's minds this week, but as a cold Arctic blast pushes down from the north, all areas will see a return to much colder weather through Thursday and Friday.

Parts of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, especially the higher ground, will see atrocious conditions setting in for a time. Anyone planning outdoor activities this week is advised to check the latest conditions beforehand. The best weather advice for the UK can be found on the Met Office web site, alternatively check out the forecast on TV, radio or in the newspapers.

The return to winter won't last long, however, as warmer air spills in from the west through the weekend returning temperatures back to more respectable values.

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